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H. R. 4145

To establish the President's Council of Advisors on Manufacturing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To establish the President's Council of Advisors on
Manufacturing.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Manufacturing Advi-
5 sory Council Establishment Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Manufacturing is a critical component of
9 the economy of the United States.

1 (2) A strong manufacturing sector is important
2 to maintaining a desirable standard of living for all
3 United States citizens.

4 (3) United States manufacturers can compete
5 globally as long as they are not subjected to anti-
6 competitive trade practices.

7 (4) The United States manufacturing industry
8 is presently facing many challenges, both domestic
9 and international.

10 (5) The President would benefit from regular,
11 informed advice from a variety of sources within the
12 United States manufacturing sector, including rep-
13 resentatives of small and mid-sized businesses, on
14 policies that affect manufacturing.

15 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.**

16 There is established a council to be known as the
17 “President’s Council of Advisors on Manufacturing”.

18 **SEC. 4. DUTIES.**

19 The duties of the Council shall be—

20 (1) to advise the President on policy matters af-
21 fecting the domestic manufacturing sector;

22 (2) to assist in the development of policies that
23 will—

24 (A) reduce production costs within the
25 manufacturing sector,

1 (B) promote the competitiveness of prod-
2 ucts manufactured in the United States in
3 international markets,

4 (C) encourage innovation, investment, and
5 productivity in the manufacturing sector, and

6 (D) ensure an adequate supply of skilled
7 workers in the manufacturing sector; and

8 (3) to assist the Secretary of Commerce in se-
9 curing private sector involvement for Department of
10 Commerce activities.

11 **SEC. 5. MEMBERSHIP.**

12 (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Council shall
13 be composed of 25 members appointed by the President
14 as follows:

15 (1) 1 member shall be an officer or employee of
16 the Federal Government.

17 (2) 24 members shall be individuals who—

18 (A) are not officers or employees of the
19 Federal Government;

20 (B) have expertise in manufacturing; and

21 (C) represent businesses of various sizes
22 and industries within the manufacturing sector.

23 (b) CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP.—If a member
24 was appointed to the Council as an officer or employee
25 of the Federal Government and the member ceases to be

1 an officer or employee of the Federal Government, or was
2 appointed to the Council because the member was not an
3 officer or employee of the Federal Government and later
4 becomes an officer or employee of the Federal Govern-
5 ment, that member may continue as a member for not
6 longer than the 90-day period beginning on the date that
7 the member ceases to be an officer or employee of the Fed-
8 eral Government, or becomes such an officer or employee,
9 as the case may be.

10 (c) TERMS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each member shall be ap-
12 pointed for a term of 2 years, except as provided in
13 paragraphs (2) and (3).

14 (2) TERMS OF INITIAL APPOINTEES.—As des-
15 ignated by the President at the time of appointment,
16 of the members first appointed—

17 (A) 8 shall be appointed for terms of 4
18 years;

19 (B) 8 shall be appointed for terms of 3
20 years;

21 (C) 8 shall be appointed for terms of 2
22 years; and

23 (D) the member appointed under sub-
24 section (a)(1) shall be appointed for a term of
25 2 years.

1 (3) VACANCIES.—Any member appointed to fill
2 a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the
3 term for which the member’s predecessor was ap-
4 pointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of
5 that term. A member may serve after the expiration
6 of that member’s term until a successor has taken
7 office.

8 (d) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—The appoint-
9 ments of the members of the Council shall be made no
10 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
11 Act.

12 (e) CO-CHAIRS.—The co-chairs of the Council shall
13 be the member appointed under subsection (a)(1) and one
14 member appointed under subsection (a)(2) who is des-
15 ignated by the President at the time of appointment.

16 (f) MEETINGS.—

17 (1) FIRST MEETING.—The Council shall hold
18 its first meeting on a date designated by the co-
19 chairs which is not later than 30 days after the date
20 on which all members have been appointed.

21 (2) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After the first
22 meeting, the Council shall meet at least semi-annu-
23 ally upon the call of the co-chairs.

24 (g) NO COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE.—The mem-
25 bers shall serve on the Council without compensation.

1 (h) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall receive
2 travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence,
3 in accordance with applicable provisions under subchapter
4 I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

5 **SEC. 6. POWERS OF THE COUNCIL.**

6 (a) INFORMATION AND ADVICE.—As the Council
7 finds appropriate, the Council may seek information and
8 advice from persons who are not members of the Council.

9 (b) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Council may
10 secure directly from any agency of the United States infor-
11 mation necessary to enable it to carry out this Act. Upon
12 the request of either co-chair, the head of that department
13 or agency shall furnish that information to the Council.

14 (c) MAILS.—The Council may use the United States
15 mails in the same manner and under the same conditions
16 as other departments and agencies of the United States.

17 **SEC. 7. ADMINISTRATION.**

18 (a) EXPENSES.—Any expenses incurred by the Coun-
19 cil shall be paid from the funds available to the Assistant
20 Secretary of Commerce responsible for manufacturing and
21 services, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce.

22 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.—The Assistant Sec-
23 retary of Commerce responsible for manufacturing and
24 services, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce,

1 shall provide any administrative support services required
2 by the Council.

3 **SEC. 8. NO TERMINATION.**

4 Section 14(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Advisory Com-
5 mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.; relating to the termination of
6 advisory committees) shall not apply to the Council.

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